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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Paul M. Lizardi)
Serial No. 09/853,379) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: May 11, 2001) Art Unit: Unassigned
For: "MOLECULAR CLONING USING)
ROLLING CIRCLE AMPLIFICATION")

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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August 27, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

Amendment

In the Claims

Please add the following new claims.

53. (New) An *in vitro* method of cloning nucleic acid molecules, the method comprising

(a) dividing a nucleic acid sample to produce a plurality of separate amplification reactions,

(b) amplifying nucleic acid molecules in the amplification reactions,

(c) making a replica of the amplification reactions,

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